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REDUCTION IN QUOTA OF RICE AND KEROSENE
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the quota for rice and kerosene for the State of Goa has been reduced significantly during the last three years; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a): The quota of rice to Goa under Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) has not been reduced for Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) and Below Poverty Line (BPL) during the last three years. However, under Above Poverty Line (APL) it was marginally reduced from 7,031 tonnes per month to 6,498 tonnes per month with effect from Ist July, 2002.

The allocation of kerosene to Goa under Public Distribution System (PDS) has been reduced during the last three years as under:

Year	Allocation(in MTs)
2001-02	23,639
2002-03	21,999
2003-04	20,469

(b): A decision was taken by the Cabinet in March, 2002 to fix the scale of issue of foodgrains for APL at 35 kg per family per month. This decision was uniformly applied to all the States/UTs where APL allocation was restricted to 35 kg per family per month as per the estimated APL population in each State/UT as on 01.03.2000 as per the norms of the Planning Commission. In this process, the allocation to Goa under APL got marginally reduced.

Allocation of Kerosene to Goa has been reduced as per the uniform Government policy taking into account the number of LPG connections released to that State.